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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

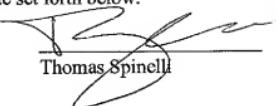
Sir:

Pursuant to the restriction requirement imposed in the Official Action dated December 6, 2007, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-17 and 34-38 for continued prosecution herein.

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Claims 1-38 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

Group I, claim(s) 1-17 and 34-38, drawn to an in-vivo information acquisition apparatus and a method for acquiring in-vivo information; and

Group II, claim(s) 18-33, drawn to an in-vivo information acquisition apparatus.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I and II are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-17 and 34-38. However, Applicants reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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